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House.

The Democratic "boys" will not work

with much enthusiasm for a man who

doesn't speak when he meets them on

the street.

The Democratic city platform was

made up of generalities, but they were

not "glittering"; on the contrary, they

were dull and colorless.

The absence of any reference to "Old

Sumptuary" in the party platform leads

the Democratic boys to look upon the

document with suspicion.

A BECKTOLD school-book is like the

Democratic party: the closer it is investigated

the worse it is found to be. It is also

a back number, like that party.

The Democratic "gang" and the silk-

stocking element never could work to-

gether in harmony. The silk-stockings

want the gang to do all the dirty work,

while they profit by it.

What does an aristocrat like Sullivan

know about the needs of the "workers"

in the Democratic wards—the Eight-

cent, for instance? He wants their

votes, but doesn't want their society.

The Democratic city nominations represent

reform, do they? May be so; but the

platform means repeal of the saloon

tax, and the candidates, if elected, will

be compelled to live up to the platform.

The Indianapolis Democrats de-

nounced that they got out of breath,

but omitted to denounce the party custom

of keeping convicts in office at the same

time they are in jail and re-nominating

them after they get out.

It was a little unfortunate for the con-

vention of denunciations that with all

their elaborate "arraignment" of the Re-

publican city government they were not

able to cite one single act of corruption,

dishonesty or mal-administration. It

cannot be done.

The Sentinel is anxious to have the

rascals turned out. Well, isn't the ad-

ministration doing it as fast as it can?

It has just got to the defaulting United

States district attorney, appointed by

Cleveland, in Montana, but it has the

others on the list.

The Democrats fiercely demand sev-

eral things in the way of city improve-

ments that cannot be had if the saloon

tax is repealed. And everybody knows

that if the Democracy obtains control

of the city government that tax will be

the first thing to "go."

Six Democratic members of the City

Council who voted against the \$250

saloon tax are candidates for re-election,

and they are all in favor of repealing it.

These reform Democrats are Council-

men Coy, Burns, Hicklin and Markey,

and Aldermen Clark and Reinecke.

The colored people of Philadelphia

held a meeting to-night to "take

some action concerning the outrages on

their race in the South. The time has

gone by when the perpetrators of these

wrongdoings can suppress the facts, or when

the injured people will bear abuse un-

complainingly and submissively.

GENERAL COBURN has occupied some

of the highest offices in the gift of the

people and of the government, but no

one has ever accused him of holding

aloof from his fellow-citizens on that ac-

count. Official position does not affect

him as it does men of smaller caliber

who might be named. He is a man of

the people, first, last and all the time.

The Democratic platform declares

that "the first concern of our citizens

should be to promote the material and

commercial development of Indianapo-

lis." Just so; therefore, elect council-

men who will vote to repeal the saloon

tax and throw away \$50,000 a year.

That's the Democratic way of building

cities—protecting saloons and throwing

away revenue.

The Sentinel remarked yesterday:

"Turn the rascals out." As it did not

print the dispatch from Montana, an-

nouncing the arrest of the Democratic

ex-Secretary of the Territory on the

charge of having embezzled five or six

thousand dollars of United States funds,

it is but fair to presume some other

rascal was meant. There are many of

them in the Democratic party, and if

the Sentinel will only keep the para-

graph standing it will find that it can

be used frequently and appropriately.

The Democratic platform does a great

deal of denouncing. That always was

Democracy's best hold. They have been

denouncing everything and everybody

since 1861. In 1864 they denounced the

war in their Chicago convention, de-

clared it a failure and demanded a dis-

honorable peace with the rebels. They

denounced the abolition of slavery as a
great crime, and have not quit denounc-

ing it yet. They have denounced every

measure of progress for the last twenty-

five years. The gall with which they

denounce the Republican city govern-

ment for not spending more than the

revenue is only equalled by the eloquent

silence with which they denounce the

saloon tax. They are great denouncers.

A GERMAN ESTIMATE OF GENERAL COBURN.

The German Daily Telegraph, of this

city, does not undertake Gen. Coburn's

political strength, nor attempt to dis-

guise the fact that his candidacy makes

Democratic success doubtful. In an

editorial on General Coburn's nomina-

tion, published on Tuesday, the Tele-

graph, after remarking on the danger of

underestimating the strength of one's ad-

versary in a political contest, reminded

Democrats that Indianapolis is really a

Republican city, and that they could

only hope to succeed in the coming elec-

tion by nominating against General

Coburn a candidate who would prove

stronger than his party. It said:

Indianapolis has been for many years a

Republican city, and, at the last presi-

dential election, gave the Republican ma-

jority of several hundred votes, notwithstanding

the surrounding county of Marion had,

for some time, been Democratic. The

strength of the Democratic party is, there-

fore, insufficient to elect their ticket in

the pending election; to the contrary, it

will require a very considerable accession

of strength from other parties to do it.

From this the Telegraph proceeded to

impress on the Democratic convention

the necessity of making a strong bid for

the support of intelligent Republicans,

by nominating a candidate for Mayor

whose name would be a guarantee of

reform. The nomination of General

Coburn made this imperative neces-

sary. Of the General himself it said:

He belongs to one of our oldest and most

highly-respected families, served honorably

four terms in Congress and in the Union

Army, and, while perhaps not a great

genius, he is a man of sound understanding

and pronounced ability as a thinker and

speaker. Fifteen years ago he made a po-

litical career, which has since been for-

gotten. When such a man can say to a

very large majority of his old and

new friends, as follows, as shown by the

known and respected each other for thirty,

forty or sixty years, he is personally no

weak candidate. Coburn can be regarded

as a person on the ground that he has

been a partisan, and because he does not

possess the unusual degree of independence

of character necessary to counteract the

machinations of the party which he has

joined, and to enable him to carry out the policy

of reform. This must be constantly kept

before our eyes from now until the 8th of

October, and persons attached to Gen. Co-

burn should be very carefully advised.

The Telegraph is to be commended for

its intelligent appreciation of General

Coburn's strength. The Journal has

already said that the nomination of Gen.

Coburn compelled the Democrats to put

their best foot foremost, and the Tele-

graph evidently recognized the necessity

of their doing this. The nomination of

Judge Sullivan is the result, but as a bid

for Republican votes it will prove a failure.

CITY FINANCES.

The Sentinel of yesterday contained

the following:

The tax rate for municipal purposes in

Indianapolis is \$1.88 on the \$100 valuation.

The tax rate in the other large towns of

the State is as follows, as shown by the

last report of the Indiana Bureau of Sta-

tistics:

Evansville, \$1.66

Fort Wayne, 1.81

Terre Haute, 1.15

Lafayette, 1.75

Lafayette, 1.58

Richmond, 1.00

LaPorte, 1.15

Madison, 1.25

South Bend, 1.25

This showing is not at all creditable to

Indianapolis, the Journal to the contrary

notwithstanding.

The statement is utterly untrue, and

calculated and intended to injure the

city for the purpose of making political

capital.

The city tax for municipal purposes

in Indianapolis is 90 cents on the \$100,

and has not been higher than that for

twelve years. The school tax is 22 cents,

making a total of city and school tax of

\$1.12. Indianapolis has a population

several times as great as most of the In-

diana cities above named, and more

than double the largest of them. It

covers vastly more territory than any of

them, and its necessary expenses ought

to be much greater in proportion. As a

matter of fact, we doubt if one of them

has a lower ratio of city taxes. The

Sentinel's statement is a lie out of whole

cloth.

In reply to the charges of corruption

or extravagance in the city government

implied by this statement and by the

Democratic platform, we print the fol-

lowing from Dr. Loftin, late Democratic

treasurer. No Democrat dare question

his intelligence or honesty. Read what

he says:

To the Public:

There has recently been considerable crit-

icism concerning the failure on behalf of

the Council and Board of Aldermen of the

city to make certain needed improvements.

I have handled the city's money for nearly

two years past, and have had occasion to

watch the acts of the municipal authorities

very closely. The city treasury was nearly

to the limit of its capacity, and the city

was in a state of financial distress, and

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